First Member of Council.—Are there no *Dharmadarsis*?

Mr. M. Timmaiya.—No, Sir.

First Member of Council.—Did you inform the Deputy Commissioner?

Mr. M. Timmaiya.—No, Sir.

Mr. Krishna Sastri.—With regard to the control of the Muzrai institutions I might mention that the *Dharmadarsis* have no controlling powers at all. Unless their powers are enhanced I am afraid the state of affairs will be worse. I might also suggest that the Amildar may be allowed to serve as a *Dharmadarsi* also instead of merely being a superior controlling Officer. The whole thing is in utter confusion.

Mr. V. Shamaiengar.—I do not see any proper reason why their powers should be enhanced. I think the present system is quite all right. If we enhance the powers of the minor office-bearers it will only end in defalcations etc.

First Member of Council.—The matter will be enquired into. As regards transferring the control of Muzrai institutions to local bodies, the Deputy Commissioners have been asked to give their opinion on the subject. As soon as the replies are received the same will be communicated to you.

Subject No. 74.

Increase of emoluments to Muzrai officials.

Messrs. V. Shamaiengar & N. Puttanna, T.-Narsipur Taluk, Varadaiya, T.-Narsipur Municipality and Lakshminarasappa, Mugur Municipality.

Mr. V. Shamaiengar.—The pay given to the employees of temples is very poor. There is much discontent spreading among them. Of late it is experienced that it is very difficult to secure appropriate persons. I am afraid the few employees we have got may also not be available in course of time if they are poorly paid. In order to remove discontent among the employees and to improve the quality of work, they should be remunerated handsomely. Savings are now credited to the credit of the temple fund. This should not be the case.

First Member of Council.—We must keep some funds for repairing charges etc.

Mr. Shamiengar.—In T.-Narsipur Taluk the temples are deteriorating. The management is bad. For a month there was no service (puja) at all.

First Member of Council.—Did you report the fact to the Amildar?

Mr. Shamaaiengar.—Yes, Sir. But no response to our representations.

Dewan.—It will be investigated.

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Subject No. 75.

Amelioration of the condition of Panchamas.

Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai, Adi-Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangam, Bangalore.

i. Representation in public bodies.

Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai.—With a view to help the amelioration of the condition of the Panchamas, I propose that they should be represented on each of the several public bodies like the Legislative Council, Central Recruitment Board the Senate of the Mysore University, the Board of Agriculture, The Board of Education, Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Board of Industries and Commerce, S. S. L. C. Board, the Local Examination Board, and the Scholarship Committee.

Dewan.—It is not expedient to revise the existing constitution of these bodies, but your request that Panchamas should be represented on all important political and local self-government bodies will be noted.

ii. Panchama Orphanages.

2. *Summary of Representation.*—Orphanages may be started immediately by Government in Bangalore and Mysore to take care of, educate, and bring up destitute orphans on the lines of the Christian orphanages with a view to conserve the Panchama orphans in the Hindu fold. The amount allotted for, but not spent on Panchama scholarships in any year may also be utilised for this purpose.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai.—In times of epidemic our people suffer owing to insanitary surroundings. There is no arrangement at present to take charge of the orphans and bring them up to be useful citizens. The lapses in the allotment for Panchama Scholarships may be devoted to this purpose.

iii. Panchama hostels.

3. *Summary of Representation.*—Special hostels may be started in each district headquarter station to accommodate Panchama boys attending High and Lower Secondary Schools, and they may be used for boarding and lodging of Panchama visitors also.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai.—This is said to be under the consideration of Government. I do not therefore like to press this matter now.

iv. Special labour legislation.

4. *Summary of Representation.*—Special legislation may be passed prescribing minimum living wages for agricultural and industrial labourers, and the exploitation of Panchama labourers attached to the land in some parts of the State penalized.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai.—The sufferings of the Panchama labourers are very severe. They are now given very low wages.

v. Acquisition of Panchama dwellings.

5. *Summary of Representation.*—The Land Acquisition Regulation may be amended so as to prohibit the acquisition of dwelling houses of Panchamas and other labourers, except it be in exchange for other houses constructed and provided by the acquiring authorities.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai.—Many Panchama houses are acquired and destroyed with a view to improve the cities. No doubt compensation is paid, but this compensation amount is utilised for other purposes owing to their ignorance and they are helpless in the matter of building other houses. Before acquisition therefore other houses may be built and given to the Panchamas in lieu of compensation.

vi. Panchama housing.

6. *Summary of Representation.*—A special committee may be appointed immediately to investigate the housing conditions of the labouring classes in Bangalore City and in other parts of the State and devise a satisfactory scheme of housing; and the Committee may be granted a sum of Rs. 50,000 to construct a model colony in Bangalore City with the aid of other funds that may be raised by them.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai.—There are very few sites allotted for Panchamas in the extensions of the Bangalore and Mysore Cities. A new extension may be formed for them as they have now to come from great distances to their places of business.

vii. Panchama Sanitary Inspectors.

7. *Summary of Representation* :—Six Panchama students may be trained in the Sanitary Inspectors' class every year, a stipend of Rs. 20 a month being given to them during training, so that they may be posted for duty in Panchama areas and also influence their fellowmen by their personal example.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai:—This is a very important matter. Sanitary Inspectors visit only sanitary areas but not the insanitary Panchama *keries*. Panchama Sanitary Inspectors are therefore very necessary.

viii. Compulsory instruction in sanitation and hygiene.

8. *Summary of Representation* :—Elements of Sanitation and Hygiene may be made a compulsory subject in all Adult and Primary Schools in the Third and Second year Classes.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai:—The Schools I refer to in this proposition are only Panchama Schools.

Second Member of Council:—Hygiene is already an optional subject in all Middle Schools.

ix. Sympathy towards Panchamas.

9. *Summary of Representation* :—A circular may be issued strictly enjoining all officers and officials to deal considerately and politely with all Panchama petitioners, applicants or visitors, and all cases of rude behaviour and use of bad language may be severely noticed.

x. Lowering of property qualifications for Panchama voters and candidates.

10. *Summary of Representation* :—The franchise may be lowered in the case of Panchamas to Rs. 5 in the case of Land Revenue and Rs. 2 in the case of house-tax so as to enable a large number of Panchamas to vote for the Representative Assembly and Local Bodies.

Dewan :—A special officer will be appointed to work out all measures for the amelioration of the condition of the Panchamas, and all these questions will be referred to him.

SUBJECT No. 76.

Mysore Gazette.

Mr. K. M Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa:—Most of us do not know English. I therefore request that all the particulars printed in the English copy of the *Mysore Gazette* may be given in the Kannada copy also.

The rate of subscription charged for the Mysore Kanarese Gazette is high. I request that the same may be reduced.

First Member of Council:—All important information is invariably published in the Kannada Gazette also. The rates of subscription cannot be reduced as the price of paper and printing material is still very high. The request will however be noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Food Control.

Messrs. Syed Abdul Rasheed, Anjuman-e-Mahadevia, Channapatna.

(2) Thimmappaiya, Tarikere Taluk, Kharidi Lingappasetty, Nadig Venkata Ramaiya and Siva Lingappaiya, Kadur Taluk.

(3) G. Anantharajappa, Tumkur Taluk; and (4) Kanni Settappa and D. Venkatarayappa; Chikballapur Taluk.

Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed:—The removal of the restrictions to export food grains beyond the State has already resulted in the prices of food stuffs going up abnormally high. I am therefore of opinion that it is better to continue the restrictions on the export of food stuffs at the frontiers.

Dewan:—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Increase of accommodation in the Representative Home.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri, Krishnarajapete Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri:—The accommodation in the Representative Home is not quite suitable, and sufficient. Necessary additional blocks may be put up in the existing R. A. Home before the next Session of the Assembly.

Dewan :—Noted.